



December 9, 2011

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, N.W.
TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 11-79:

Dear Docket Clerk:

On Tuesday, December 6, 2011, Joni Zielinski of the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) along with Karl Witbeck of Stantec Consulting Services and Alan Tilles, counsel to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") met with Federal Communication Commission (FCC) staff John Liebovitz, Lloyd Coward, Richard Arsenaault, and Rodney Conway of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Ira Keltz of the Office of Engineering and Technology.

In the meeting, Mr. Witbeck discussed the results of a study conducted by Stantec, entitled "Positive Train Control (PTC) Radio Spectrum Planning for Passenger Commuter Rail in the United States," which was prepared for the American Public Transportation Association and the Federal Transit Administration. Further, APTA and the MTA discussed their opinion that the Commission should allocate spectrum for PTC operation in those geographic areas where additional spectrum is needed, in order to implement the Congressional mandate.

Attached is a presentation distributed at the meeting.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist the FCC in this important endeavor. For additional information, please contact James P. LaRusch, APTA's chief counsel and vice president-corporate affairs, at (202) 496-4808 or jlarsch@apta.com.

Sincerely,

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